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Homeownership Program Bulletin

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To: CalHFA Approved Lenders

REVISED HIGH COST AREA HOME PURCHASE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (HICAP) Effective June, 7, 2006

Due to CalHFA's continuing commitment to making down payment assistance funds available to more low and moderate income first-time homebuyers, purchasing in the highest housing cost areas of the state, we are implementing the following changes to the program.

HiCAP is expanding and will now be available in all of the following CalHFA-defined high cost counties:

Alameda San Francisco San Luis Obispo Contra Costa Los Angeles (except Palmdale/Lancaster area) San Mateo Santa Barbara Marin Santa Clara Monterey Napa Santa Cruz Orange Solano San Benito Sonoma San Diego Ventura

HiCAP has been extremely successful since its inception and has created many homeownership opportunities for families living in some of the least affordable areas of the state.

However, since CalHFA has limited funds for this down payment assistance program, and do not wish to eliminate any counties that are currently included in the program, CalHFA must reduce the maximum loan amount to \$7,500 in San Diego and Santa Clara counties and to \$12,500 in the counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, San Francisco, San Mateo, Sonoma and Ventura. The newly added counties of Los Angeles, Marin, Monterey, Napa, Orange, San Benito, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz and Solano will also be allowed the maximum HiCAP subordinate loan amount of \$12,500.

These changes apply to all new loan reservations and the addition of HiCAP to existing reservations, made on or after June 7, 2006 at 12:01 a.m.

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